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FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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TECHNOLOGY TIE UP FOR PROMOTING FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any technology tie-up with any foreign country for promoting food processing industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the schemes under implementation for promoting food processing industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAI)

(a) & (b) : This Ministry does not have technology tie up with any foreign country. Technology tie-up and transfer of technology are allowed as per the normal industrial technology transfer guidelines of Government of India.

(c) : Government has formulated and is implementing several plan schemes for promoting food processing industries. Assistance is provided under the plan schemes of this Ministry to the food processing industries in the following manner: -

(i) Under the Scheme for Technology upgradation /Establishment/ Modernization of Food Processing Industries, assistance is provided @ 25% of the total cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs.50 lakh in general areas and 33.33% with a cap of Rs.75 lakh in difficult areas.

(ii) Under the Scheme for Infrastructure Development, financial assistance is provided for setting up of Food Parks, irradiation facilities, packaging centres, value added centres & for modernizing abattoirs @25% of the project cost in General Areas and 33.33% in Difficult Areas subject to a maximum of Rs.4 crore for Food Parks, Rs.5 crore for irradiation facilities, Rs.4 crore for abattoirs, Rs.2 crore for Packaging Centres & upto Rs.75 lakh for value added centre.

(iii) Assistance as per the approved pattern of assistance is also provided for human resource development, Quality Assurance and R&D and Strengthening of Institutions.